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**From:** Chow, James  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:33 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Sharon  
**Cc:** Smith, Catherine; Milette, Marianne  
**Subject:** Re: PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield, CT | requests for a follow-up call with congressionals

No call with congressionals has been scheduled yet, but beforehand, will need to brief the RA so he's aware.  
Marianne/Sharon - I'll stop by this morning.

On Jan 29, 2020, at 10:41 PM, Hayes, Sharon <Hayes.Sharon@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm not aware of this situation...perhaps Catherine is and has thoughts.

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**Subject:** PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield, CT | requests for a follow-up call with congressionals

Hi Nancy, Ginny, Kim, Douglas, Jeff,

As Ginny and Kim know, on late Friday afternoon (Jan 24) we got a call from Rep. Himes's office regarding PCBs at the Reclamation Yard property in Fairfield (attached is the related EPA letter to the town). Kim (who was off on Friday, but still answered her phone) updated Ginny on the status of the property and then Ginny and I had a good call with Vernita and Sean from Rep. Himes's Office. Fast forward to today - this afternoon I got an email from Rich Kehoe from Senator Blumenthal's Office. Apparently the town has also contacted both Senators – and they are requesting a follow-up call with staff from all three of their offices (Blumenthal, Murphy, Himes).

Rich's note mentions "an ongoing criminal investigation into various aspects of this operation by the Connecticut chief state's attorney's office." Which may or may not change who we might want to have on this call. Please advise.

Best, Paul

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**Subject:** RE: Fairfield

Hi Rich,

Sure, I'll connect with staff and get back to you. As you probably know, we had a call on Friday afternoon with staff from Rep. Himes's office (Vernita Tertullien and Sean Higgins) regarding this issue.

I'll send a note along right now and let you know as soon as I hear back.

Best Regards,

Paul

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**From:** Kehoe, Richard (Blumenthal) <[Richard\\_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov](mailto:Richard_Kehoe@blumenthal.senate.gov)>

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**Subject:** Fairfield

Paul, hope you are well. The town of Fairfield approached Sens. Blumenthal and Murphy and Congressman Himes alerting us to a PCB pollution issue involving town owned property known as the Reclamation Yard. The town had previously cleaned up PCB contamination in 2017 and had been working with Connecticut DEEP on addressing an additional source of PCB pollution ostensibly arising from debris that a town contractor allowed to be disposed of on the site. DEEP had noted the town's testing company had found PCB levels in the 8.6 to 9.6 ppm range. DEEP had conducted additional testing on their own and issued a notice of violation. Subsequent to that order, EPA issued their NOV on January 17, 2020 citing PCB levels of up to 230 ppm. We are also aware that there is an ongoing criminal investigation into various aspects of this operation by the Connecticut chief state's attorney's office. The town recognizes their responsibility to clean up the pollution and is in the process of contracting with an LEP and is meeting with DEEP tomorrow to coordinate the scope of the clean up.

Given the complicated nature of this situation and the town's efforts to address the pollution, we would like to have a conference call with EPA to get your perspective on what is going on in Fairfield and the goals of the EPA in obtaining corrective action. Could you arrange such a call? Thanks.

Rich

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